

dorse what Mr. Hall says about that. I think if wax were ten cents a pound more I would use it then.

Mr. Pettit: Don't understand me to say foundation is too expensive to pay. I am not fully satisfied in my own mind because most of my extracting combs are drone combs but I am inclined to think it would be better to work into the worker comb as much as possible.

Mr. Sibbald: It is pretty hard to stand up after a lot here have spoken and say something different. I believe there is a natural secretion of wax by the bee in the summer time and if they have foundation supplied they haven't any use for it and you lose that much. Also I believe it retards swarming a good deal to have them build their own combs in the super. I don't use full sheets at all.

Mr. Gemmel: I would let them build the combs down stairs in the brood chamber after they were hived.

Mr. Webster: I would give almost anything to have full sheets and let them use the wax when they are drawing it out; and then there is this other great nuisance, a lot of drone combs.

Mr. Hall: Allow me to tell you, I go to work with a hive of bees with three supers on and if they haven't any drone combs below I go into the center of the nest and find a large piece with practically no honey in it. They are preparing for the queen to go up and lay or raise some boys. If they have foundation given to them they haven't that privilege.

Mr. Brown: I believe every time in having full sheets of foundation, if for nothing else than having food for the bees if a shortage in stores took place in the fall, which very often does occur. When I am extracting I put aside a few combs of the very best sealed honey I have

and then I have those to give to my bees in the fall. If half of those combs were drone combs I would have a brood nest full of drones the next season.

Q. Do you think bee keepers generally in putting bees into the cellar for winter raise the hive from the bottom board and put small blocks of wood under?

Mr. Pettit: I don't know what bee keepers generally do, but I would most certainly do as this mentions, raise the hive from the bottom board and put in small blocks or in some way give a much larger ventilation at the bottom of the hive than the ordinary ventilation given. I find it more convenient and I think it better to put the blocks at the back.

Mr. Chisholm: I turn my bottom board over and give them a larger opening. I find no difficulty in giving my bees plenty of air in that way.

Mr. Darling: I find my bees winter a good deal better by putting an inch block under each of the corners of the hive and closing the top down tight.

Q. Would it be advisable to move bees early in March and place them on their summer stands?

Mr. Pettit: It all depends on your locality. If where they are to be for the summer has plenty of spring flow that is the place to get them as soon as possible. In my experience the advantages in running out apiaries and having bees spread out is in the spring flow as much as anything else. In the very height of the clover and basswood flow the locality can stand a great many more than it can in the spring.

Q. If one half of sugar syrup is added to honey can it be detected, and if so, how?

Mr. Pettit: I am quite positive it can